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SUBJECT: PAK CANDIDACY FOR UNSC SEAT

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1. FOLLOWING ON CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI REPORTED REFTEL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENT FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE IN SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN'S CANDIDACY FOR THE ASIAN SEAT ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL:

"1. AT ITS FORTHCOMING THIRTIETH SESSION, THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL ELECT 5 NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING ONE FROM ASIA, FOR THE TERM 1976 - 1977. PAKISTAN WILL SEEK ELECTION FOR THE ASIAN VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL, RESULTING FROM THE EXPIRATION OF IRAQ'S TERM AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. INDIA IS THE OTHER ASIAN CANDIDATE.

"2. PAKISTAN WAS LAST A MEMBER ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN 1968 - 1969. IN 1972, PAKISTAN

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COUNCIL IN 1968 - 1969. IN 1972, PAKISTAN

ANNOUNCED ITS CANDIDATURE FOR THE TERM 1973 - 1974, BUT WITHDREW SUBSEQUENTLY IN FAVOUR OF INDONESIA. THE NEXT YEAR, PAKISTAN DID NOT SEEK ELECTION IN VIEW OF THE PRACTICE OF ALLOWING AN ARAB ASIAN COUNTRY, IRAQ IN THIS CASE, TO SECURE A SEAT ON THE COUNCIL EVERY ALTERNATE YEAR AGAINST ONE OF THE ASIAN VACANCIES. LAST YEAR ALSO, PAKISTAN ACCEDED TO A REQUEST FROM JAPAN TO SUPPORT ITS ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL AND REFRAINED FROM PUTTING FORWARD ITS OWN CADIDATURE.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, INDIA SERVED ON THE COUNCIL IN 1967 - 1968 AND AGAIN IN 1972 - 1973. IT IS NOW SEEKING A THIRD TERM IN LESS THAN A DECADE.

"4. INDIA'S ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL ONCE AGAIN, WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLE, ACCEPTED BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF MEMBER STATES THAT, APART FROM THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, NO COUNTRY CAN CLAIM A DE FACTO RIGHT TO A SEMI-PERMANENT PRESENCE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

"5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL PLACES ONEROUS RESPONSIBILITIES ON ITS MEMBERS TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER AND THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES; TO PREVENT AGGRESSION AND THE USE OF FORCE IN INTER-STATE RELATIONS. INDIA'S RECORD HARDLY QUALIFIES IT TO FULFILL SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES. THE ARMED INTERVENTION AGAINST PAKISTAN IN 1971, THE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION OF LAST MAY, AND THE ANNEXATION OF SIKKIM, ARE BUT RECENT EXAMPLES OF INDIA'S PROCLIVITY TO CONTRAVENE THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO FLOUT ITS DECISIONS.

"6. PAKISTAN DID NOT PUT FORWARD ITS CANDIDATURE SO FAR BECAUSE OF ITS DESIRE TO ALLOW OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES A TURN ON THE COUNCIL. INDIA'S BID TO ONCE AGAIN SEEK ELECTION HAS, HOWEVER, OBLIGED PAKISTAN TO PRESENT ITS OWN CANDIDATURE. ON GROUNDS OF EQUITY, PAKISTAN HAS A FAR SUPERIOR CLAIM TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL THAN INDIA.

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"7. PAKISTAN HAS GRAVE MISGIVINGS THAT INDIA'S PRESENCE ON THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME MAY BE USED TO PROMOTE SCHEMES AGAINST PAKISTAN'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. PAKISTAN HAS A DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE NATIONAL INTEREST IN SEEKING MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

"8. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN IS THEREFORE CONFIDENT THAT THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED

NATIONS WILL LEND THEIR UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT  
TO PAKISTAN'S CANDIDATURE FOR ELECTION TO THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL FOR TERM 1976 - 1977.

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